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INFO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

C O N F I D E N T I A L BRASILIA 8207

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, BR

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE OF ROMANIAN SEAMAN VIRGILIU PANITT

REF: STATE 236159, RIO 4443 & 4444

1. POST HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO BE GIVEN
ON IF-ASKED BASIS TO PRESS QUERIES REGARDING
ROMANIAN SEAMAN.

2. VIRGILIU PANIT, WHO STATED THAT HE IS A ROMANIAN
SEAMAN, APPEARED AT THE AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN RIO
DE JANEIRO ON SATURDAY, DEC 1. HE INFORMED CONSULATE
OFFICIALS THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO RETURN TO ROMANIA AND
ASKED THE CONSULATE FOR ASSISTANCE.
THE CONSULATE GAVE HIM TEMPORARY REFUGE AND SAW TO IT
THAT HE WAS FED AND WELL TAKEN CARE OF. THE EMBASSY IN
BRASILIA IS CONSULTING WITH GOB AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE AGREED
TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR PANAIT.

3. POST IS PREPARED TO STATE ON BACKGROUND BASIS THAT
GRANTING OF ASYLUM IS RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY OF
GOVERNMENT OF COUNTRY IN WHOSE TERRITORY REQUEST IS MADE.
BRAZIL SIGNED THE CONVENTION RELATING TO THE STATUS OF
REFUGEES AND HAS ASSUMED THE SAME OBLIGATION AS HAS U.S.
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WHICH IS ALSO SIGNATORY. OBLIGATIONS INCLUDE DETERMINATION

OF REFUGEE'S STATUS AND PROHIBITION AGAINST RETURN OF A
REFUGEE TO A COUNTRY WHERE HE FACES PERSECUTION.
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